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PATENT

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 Schweitzer et al.)
 Application No.: 09/935,131)
 Filed: 08/21/2001)
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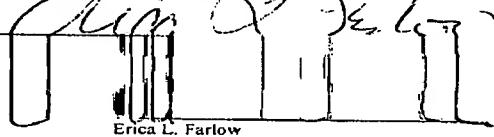
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AMENDMENT B

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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed 09/12/03, please enter the following amendments and remarks to the above mentioned patent application.

Attorney Docket XACTP015B

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

20. (Currently Amended) A method for policy-based billing for a distributed network session, comprising:

1. a plurality of packets at a plurality of analyzers;